

isobroderae and apocarpous orders often
which there will only be Restiaceae etc
which are already well worked up and
Cyperaceae and Gramineae which are all
written out for press only requiring a
little revision in consequence of the
observations of Hackel and thus so
that now I hope there will be no interruption
to the sheet per week - the 19th sheet is now
in type which I think will make up about
half the part.

With kindest remembrances to
Mr Gray Ever yours sincerely
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My dear Gray

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I have been long intending to
write to you and give you as you requested
a sketch of the arrangements I proposed for
Lichfield. But the printer has been so
close upon my heels that I have had no
time for anything though I have for months
past worked steadily eight hours a day
either at New or at home - Last month I
was for three weeks at the Hobbs whilst
workmen were in my house - but though
that was very pleasant it was not exactly
a holiday for I could be in the laboratory
every day from 9 to 5 - The Lichfield are
now at last all at the printer - 107 genera -
and it was not till the very last that I
could make ~~my~~ up my mind as to their
arrangement - I found the character so
varied that it seemed for a long time to
be quite a chaos - and it was not till I had
gone through the whole that I could see any

definite groups - and it was only after I had
got them faintly written out and
recompared the generic with the tribal
characters and trends and rearranged the
groups that I could bring the whole into
anything like order. I have now twenty
tribes (besides a few subtribes) arranged in
three series tolerably satisfactory to my
mind - how they will be to you may be
doubtful... they would no doubt have
been better if I could have discussed
some of them with you - but there was
no time for that. It is very important to
get the Genera finished by Xmas as my
getting over the winter must be very
uncertain - In my first series there
is neither bulb nor ~~radical~~ ^{internode} ^{caulicle} ^{at}
the base of the flowering stem, the fruit
is always a berry (except in Hemerocallis). The
seed rather variable - it includes *Conium*
Asparagus *Euphorbia* *Convolvulus* *Scrophularia*
etc - the second has either a bulb or crowded
leaves at the base of the flowering stem (not

^{internode - caulicle}
the apex of the wood caudex), the fruit usually
loculicidal - rare fleshy and indehiscent or
very rarely a true berry, the embryo long in a
fleshy albumen and includes *Hemerocallis*
Alouina *Corydalis* *Asphodelus* (with *Malva*
Oxys subulites) *Thamnosium* *Allium* *Bellium*
and *Helianthus* - the third series has a variable
capsule (no wood caudex) - either explosive or
or septicidal capsule or both - rarely a berry.
the embryo usually very small in a hard
albumen. It includes *Colechicum* ^{argemone} ^{argemone} ^{argemone}
Thalictrum *Medicago* *Geranium* (as far as I
recollect - for I have no copy by me) - I had
intended giving you some details - but time
not keep the copy back and you will very
soon have it in print

I duly received your two postcard yesterday

The flowers are at Southampton - they are
very well and flourishing - John Ball is just
returned from his trip to Gen and gone off
again with Mr Ball to Italy - I have now
a few little orders to do whilst I can
be present - then come flowers Palms